

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DISTRICT

ESTATE OF GREGORY WRIGHT)	CIV. NO. 4:17-CV-002383
AND BARBARA WRIGHT,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
VS.)	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
)	
TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF)	
COMMISSIONERS, ET AL.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

APPEARANCES:

Lieutenant Eric Shay,
Trumbull County Sheriff's Office

Nurse Carla S. Ahart

INTERVIEW of Nurse Carla S. Ahart, taken at the
Trumbull County Sheriff's Office, 150 High Street, N.W.,
Warren, Ohio 44481, on the 16th Day of May 2017, to be
used in the above cause of action, pending in the United
States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio,
Eastern Division.

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EXHIBIT C

1 EXAMINATION OF NURSE CARLA S. AHART

2 BY LT. SHAY:

3 Q. Today is May 16, 2017. I am Lieutenant Shay.
4 I am here doing an Internal Investigation in reference to
5 an in-custody death of Gregory Wright which occurred on
6 May 5 of 2017. Here with me I have medic -- or Nurse
7 Carla Ahart and she is the supervisor of the medical
8 unit. And Carla, that's correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. Before we get started, just a couple
11 basic questions.

12 State your name for the record.

13 A. Carla S. Ahart.

14 Q. And can you spell your last name for us?

15 A. A-H-A-R-T.

16 Q. Okay. And your position at the -- within
17 this -- within the medical unit is?

18 A. Nursing supervisor.

19 Q. Okay. You've been employed with Dr. Malvasi
20 since?

21 A. 2001.

22 Q. Okay. And roughly, what shift do you work
23 predominantly?

24 A. Dayturn.

25 Q. Okay. Do you work all three shifts a little

1 bit?

2 A. A little bit of each shift.

3 Q. Okay. Were you working on May 3 of 2017?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. That was the day that Mr. Wright entered our
6 facility?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. And you were summonsed to the booking
9 area as a result of his medical issues?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. Okay. Do you recall who called you over to
12 medical?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Okay. When you entered the -- the booking
15 area to assess Mr. Wright, what was his general
16 condition?

17 A. Stable.

18 Q. Okay. Was he carrying any medications?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. What was he carrying?

21 A. Xarelto.

22 Q. Okay. Is that it?

23 A. I believe so.

24 Q. Okay. Did he complain of any medical
25 conditions?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. What were they; do you recall?

3 A. He said he had blood clots in his legs --
4 both legs.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. He had a wound on his left -- or right leg --

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. -- that needed dressing that was wrapped up.
9 I didn't unwrap it at that time.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. He -- I'm trying to think. I think that's
12 it.

13 Q. Okay. Was there anything that you -- that
14 you noticed that made you feel that he was in need of
15 emergency medical care?

16 A. No. There was no distress noted.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. He also did say that he used heroin.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. And he used it that morning.

21 Q. Before he came in the jail?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Okay. So you had no need to take any
24 emergency action with him as a result of his medical
25 condition?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Was there -- okay, if somebody came into the
3 jail and they were a new prisoner and they had a medical
4 condition, how do you brief the other nursing staff as to
5 his condition?

6 A. Well, we have shift reports.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. We could write it on the shift report. We
9 could do it verbally.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Or we have booking assessment forms that we
12 can fill out and they could look at.

13 Q. So what are the duties when a person comes on
14 duty and somebody -- do they have, like, a chart that
15 they look? Do you guys keep a ledger to see who came in
16 that's new?

17 A. Only if they have medical conditions.

18 Q. Okay. Okay. So in this case, would there
19 have been a chart or something stating that you have a
20 new person with these medical conditions?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And it would be the responsibility of the
23 people coming in to -- to check to see if somebody new
24 came in?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay. So was inmate Wright placed on any
2 formal medical observation?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Okay. So was there any additional rounds or
5 anything? Did you suggest anything to the shift
6 supervisor -- anybody -- as far as his condition?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Okay. So as far as -- to the best of your
9 knowledge, you passed on the information regarding
10 Mr. Wright and his condition to the other medical staff?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Okay. Cool. All right. Second, you were
13 working again on May 4, 2017?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. While -- while in the course of your
16 duties, did you witness Medical Assistant Lobdell
17 treating inmate Wright?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And what did you witness?

20 A. I walked into the treatment room. He was
21 laying on the treatment table. And she was taking off --
22 removing his dressing off his right leg. And then I went
23 back into my office. I heard him tell her that he didn't
24 want anything on his leg. No lotions, no ointments,
25 nothing. He just wanted it rewrapped with a clean

1 bandage and that's it.

2 Q. At this time, did you feel that he was in any
3 distress or in need of emergency medical treatment?

4 A. No. No distress at all.

5 Q. Okay. Did you have any other interaction
6 with Mr. Wright?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Okay. Okay. That completes our questioning
9 for Carla. And it is currently 12:33. Thank you.

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11 (Whereupon, the interview concluded.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of all the testimony introduced and proceedings had in the taking of the testimony in the above-entitled matter, as I heard them from the audio recording to the best of my abilities.



Kelly L. Haase
Court Reporter